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Applicant's attorney notes that U.S. Patent No. 5,948,001 was cited during the prosecution of co-pending co-owned U.S. patent application having U.S. Serial No. 10/112,618, entitled "Threaded Cable Anchor". In this regard, it is noted that this co-pending application was previously cited to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the present application by way of an Information Disclosure Statement filed August 9, 2004.

Applicant's attorney notes that U.S. Patent No. 5,948,001 is in the English language. In such circumstances, comments regarding its relevance to the present application are not deemed necessary.

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